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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/575,096	Applicant(s) NISHIYA ET AL.	
	Examiner Jane Zara	Art Unit 1635	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the communication filed 5-29-09.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 17-28 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 5-29-09.

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-16 in the reply filed on 5-29-09 is acknowledged.

The election filed 5-29-09, however, is not fully responsive.

- Applicant is required to elect a single SEQ ID No encoding a double-stranded RNA molecule from the elected Group (see claims 1, 12).
- Applicant is required to elect a single SEQ ID No encoding an α 1,6-fucosyltransferase from the elected Group (see claims 3, 4).
- Applicant is required to elect a single lectin from the elected Group (see claim 6).
- Applicant is required to elect a single cell line from the elected Group (see claims 7, 8).

These restriction requirements are proper for the reasons set forth below (see also the original election requirement, mailed 4-1-09):

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Claims 1-16 are drawn to processes, cells and compositions comprising or utilizing a plurality of double-stranded RNA molecules (SEQ ID NOs. 9 to 30), nucleic acids encoding different fucosyltransferases (SEQ ID NOs. 1-8), lectins, and cell types. Therefore, this application does not comply with the requirements for unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the following reasons:

According to the guidelines in section (f)(i)(a) of annex B of the PCT Administrative Instruction, the special technical feature as defined by PCT Rule 13.2 shall be considered to be met when all the alternatives of a Markush group are of similar nature. The instant methods, cells and compositions comprising or utilizing a plurality of double-stranded RNA molecules (SEQ ID NOs. 9 to 30), nucleic acids encoding different fucosyltransferases (SEQ ID NOs. 1-8), lectins, and cell types, etc. set forth in and/or encompassed by claims 1-28 are considered to be each separate inventions for the following reasons:

The different sequences, nucleic acids, targets, structures, processes, methods and cell types do not meet the criteria of (A), common property or activity or (B)(2), art recognized class of compounds. In the instant case, the different target molecules, target genes, double stranded RNA molecules and other nucleic acids, proteins, lectins, cell types are structurally and chemically and biologically different and distinct, and the different molecules and biological structures and entities, and the different methods and

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screening processes target different molecules, inhibit protein activity, or modulate the expression of the target gene to varying degrees, or measure different phenotypes, biochemical and/or biological effects. Each member of the class cannot be substituted one for the other with the expectation that the same intended result would be achieved or measured.

Further, the different Groups of compounds and target molecules and processing constructs, and the different methods do not meet the criteria of (B)(1) as they do not share, one with another, a common core structure. Accordingly, unity of invention between the double-stranded RNA molecules (SEQ ID NOs. 9 to 30), nucleic acids encoding different fucosyltransferases (SEQ ID NOs. 1-8), lectins, and cell types is lacking and each target molecule is considered to constitute a special technical feature.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of

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record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Conclusion

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1635 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. ' 1.6(d)). The official fax telephone number for the Group is 571-273-8300. NOTE: If Applicant does submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by applicant or applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jane Zara whose telephone number is (571) 272-0765. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Douglas Schultz, can be reached on (571) 272-0763. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1635